

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-36 are pending in this application. Claims 25-36 are withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 10 and 23 are withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected species. Claims 1-24 are subject to species election requirement.

The examiner has further identified two patentably distinct species: species I as shown in Figure 1 and species II as shown in Figure 2. The examiner requires election of one of these species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicant elects species II as shown in Figure 2. Claims 4-10 and 17-23 read upon species II.

Applicant believes that this paper is fully responsive to the restriction requirement dated October 17, 2006, and respectfully requests early consideration of this application on the merits.

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